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Examiner Yao,

Per your request, attached please find a copy of the executed Declaration which was filed with the USPTO on March 18, 2002. I am also attaching a copy of the Notice of Acceptance dated January 17, 2003 acknowledging receipt of the Declaration.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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The following items have been received:

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- Copy of IPE Report
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- Copy of the International Application
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- Oath or Declaration
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